Subject: Alexander the Great coin

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June 11th. 1929.

The American Numismatic Society,
156th. St. & Broadway,
New York.

Gentlemen, Attention Mr. S. P. Noe, Secretary.

I am sending you herewith a photograph of an old gold coin that is at present in the hands of a Russian family in Harbin China. The owners have asked me to assist them in disposing of it. It is believed to be a Macedonian coin and to be several hundred years old. I understand that it is about the size of the photograph.

I would be very greatly obliged if you would be good enough to send me any information that you may have on the actual age, value and on the possibility of disposing this coin in New York or elsewhere.

I will be here until June 15th. after w which please address me in care of the Truscon Steel Co. Youngstown, Ohio.

With thanks for any assistance that you may be able to give me, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. F. Moss

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12th June, 1929

Mr. R. F. Moss,
The Biltmore,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your photograph is of a silver coin slightly smaller than the photograph, struck by Alexander the Great of Macedonia. The coin is common and being in poor condition would not be worth mere than $3.50. You say it is a gold coin. This is absolutely impossible, as the gold coins had an entirely different design. If this piece looks like gold, it is either a fake or silver gold-plated in recent years. The coin is not very salable in this condition, and I do not know where you could dispose of it.

Very truly yours,

Curator